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CHAPTER 3
OF THE NEW
SERIALIZATION!!

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風都探偵

この街には、人を喰う「怪人」がいる……

THIS CITY HAS A MONSTER WHICH EATS HUMANS...

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GREAT RESPONSE TO THE THE "HALF-BOILED" DETECTIVE STORY!!

I SHOULD'VE GOTTEN SUSPICIOUS THE MOMENT I SAW THAT JIN... DETECTIVE JINNO AND HIS TEAM WERE LOOKING INTO THIS TOO.

THEY BELONG TO A SPECIAL SECTION OF THE FUUTO PD, THE PARANOMAL CRIME INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

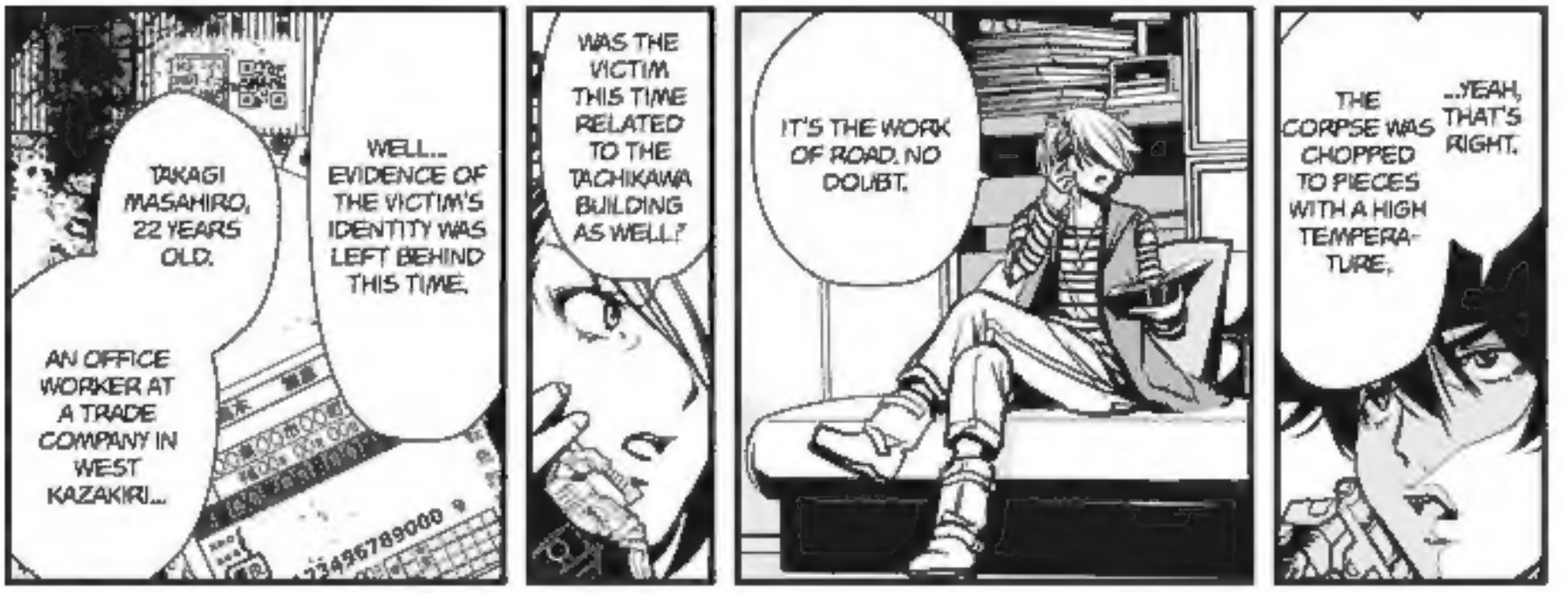
THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SNIFFING AROUND IN THE FIRST PLACE IF GAIA MEMORIES WEREN'T INVOLVED...

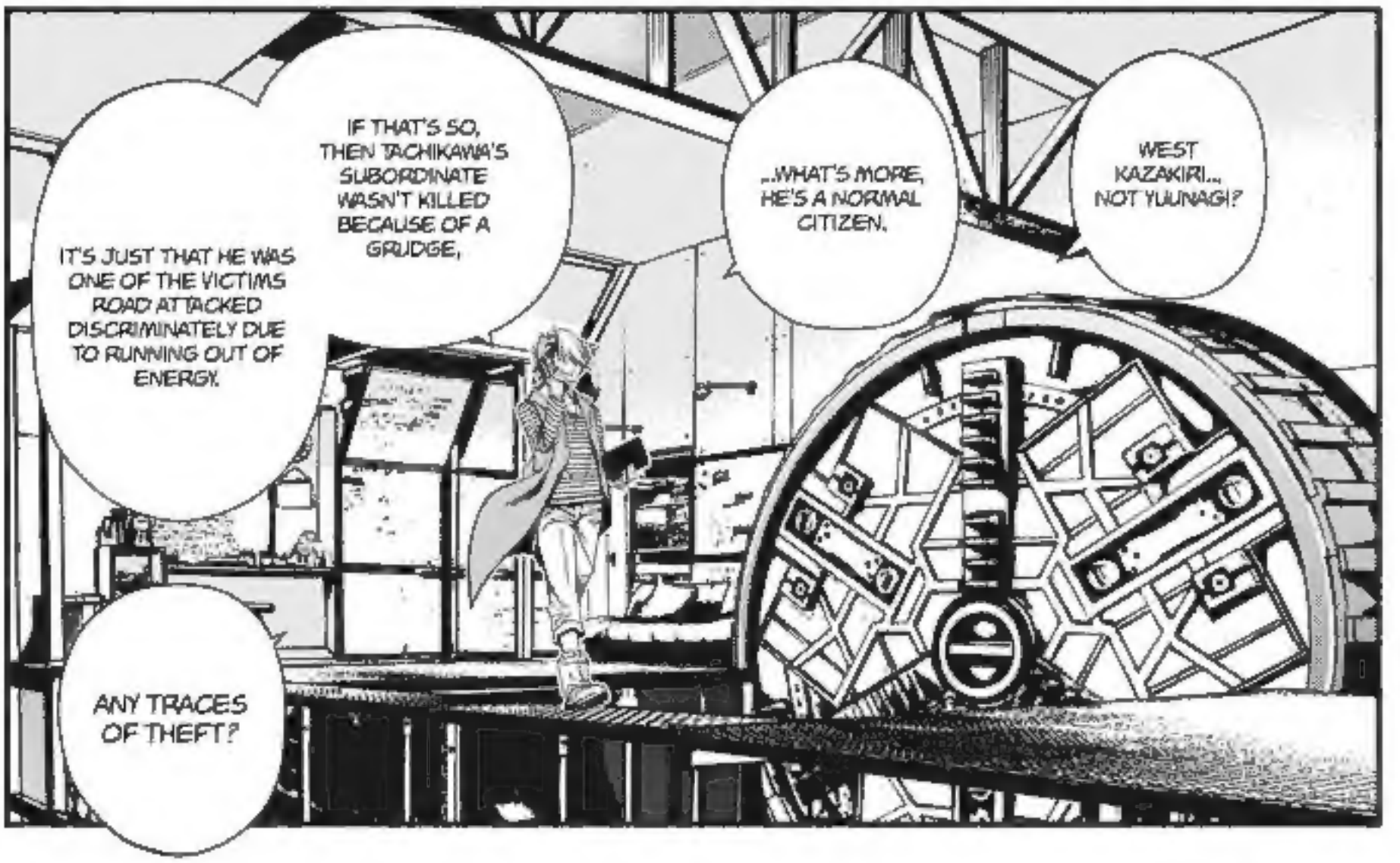
IF YOU COME ACROSS ANY INFORMATION, LET ME KNOW, SHOTARO...

I'LL LET YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE VICTIM AS A FAVOR.

YEAH...

A NEW VICTIM OF ROAD HAS APPEARED...


TAKAGI MASAHIRO, 22 YEARS OLD.
AN OFFICE WORKER AT A TRADE COMPANY IN WEST KAZAKIRI...
WELL... EVIDENCE OF THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY WAS LEFT BEHIND THIS TIME.
WAS THE VICTIM THIS TIME RELATED TO THE TACHIKAWA BUILDING AS WELL?
IT'S THE WORK OF ROAD. NO DOUBT.
THE CORPSE WAS CHOPPED TO PIECES WITH A HIGH TEMPERATURE.
...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.


IT'S JUST THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE VICTIMS ROAD ATTACKED DISCRIMINATELY DUE TO RUNNING OUT OF ENERGY.
IF THAT'S SO, THEN TACHIKAWA'S SUBORDINATE WASN'T KILLED BECAUSE OF A GRUDGE,
...WHAT'S MORE, HE'S A NORMAL CITIZEN.
WEST KAZAKIRI... NOT YUUNAGI?
ANY TRACES OF THEFT?

...SHOTARO... I'LL START WITH WHAT I'VE DEDUCED UP TO NOW.
PROBABLY TAKEN BY THE CRIMINAL.
THERE WASN'T ANY WALLET OR BAG...

HOWEVER, SHE WAS UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE EXHAUSTION CREATED FROM OPENING THOSE PATHS, LEADING HER TO END UP EATING HUMANS.

IT WAS ONLY BY CHANCE THAT THE FIRST VICTIM WAS TACHIKAWA'S SUBORDINATE.

FROM THERE, SHE CAME AND WENT FREELY, WHICH ALLOWED HER TO COMMIT THOSE ROBBERIES.

SHE USES A GAIA MEMORY TO CREATE ROADS AND STREETS IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

ROAD'S TRUE IDENTITY IS TOKIME.

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YEAH...

I'M GOING TO START SEARCHING FOR THAT "SOMETHING"!

AT PRESENT.

I... HAVE THE SAME THOUGHTS.

DID YOU NOTICE SOME-THING?

YOUR VOICE BETRAYS YOU.

THE SYMP-TOMS THIS TIME SEEM A LOT MORE SERIOUS THAN I THOUGHT.

TOKIME

THAT KIND-NESS AND NAIVETÉ IS PART OF SHOTARO'S CHARM, HOWEVER...

SO THE "MAN WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH A WITCH"... ISN'T JUST ONE PERSON...

SHOTARO

TSUBOSAKI CHIJUTA

TOKIME

GOOD GRIEF.

Chapter 3
Be Wary of the t | The City's Trump Card

I WENT AROUND AGAIN TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE WITCH.

POLICE, GAGS AND CLIENTS...

I HAVE TO FIND HER BEFORE ANYONE ELSE THAT'S AFTER HER.

I FEEL THAT WAY FOR SOME REASON.

...IS SHE REALLY FROM FUUTO...?

I SERIOUSLY CAN'T FIND MANY CLUES...

...AKIRA?

IF TOKIME TURNS OUT TO BE ROAD, WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO CHUUTA? THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT'S EASY TO COVER UP ANYMORE...

SHOTARO?

HE'S A KIND KID, BUT BEING CHEERED UP BY A MIDDLE SCHOOLER KIND OF DAMAGES MY PRIDE AS A PRO. OF COURSE, HE DOESN'T SEEM TO REALIZE THAT...

CHEER UP.

ONE OF MY FRIENDS.

THIS IS AOYAMA AKIRA.

WELL, SOME THINGS ARE BOUND TO NOT GO WELL.

HUH?

ALMOST ALL MY LINES WERE PASSED DOWN FROM BOSS.

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I'M NOT THE COOL ONE.

THAT COOL WAY OF SPEAKING IS MORE LIKE SHOTARO.

YES, YES.

...WELL, A DETECTIVE'S INVESTIGATIVE WORK IS LIKE A BOX FULL OF FUTILITY.

EVEN SO, IT'S MY JOB TO HAVE THE RESOLVE TO KEEP OPENING THAT BOX...

I ALSO WANTED TO BECOME SOMEONE CLIENTS CAN RELY ON, A TRUMP CARD OF THIS CITY LIKE BOSS.

WHEN I WAS STILL AN ASSISTANT DETECTIVE...NO, FROM THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM WHEN I WAS A KID, I'VE ADMIRED HIM.

HERE!

WHAT YOU ASKED FOR!

AKIRA!

HOWEVER, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LIVE UP TO...

IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.

...YOU MIGHT NOT BE ON YOUR TEACHER'S LEVEL YET, BUT THIS CITY HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO YOU'VE SAVED, RIGHT?

...AKIRA.

IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING, RIGHT?

YES.

I'M THANKFUL... BUT WHY ASK THIS GIRL...

W-WHO IS THIS?

MY CLASSMATE.

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR CURRENT CASE FROM AKIKO, SO I ASKED HER TO HELP GATHER RUMORS ABOUT THE WITCH.

THANKS!

...PERHAPS,

I'VE BEEN TAKING ON TOO MUCH BY MYSELF. I ENVY AKIRA'S INVIGORATING SPIRIT.

IT'S BECAUSE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ALONE!

HUH?

ANYWAY, A MIDDLE SCHOOL KID WITH A GIRLFRIEND...

A BRAT LIKE THAT. I DON'T EVEN HAVE A GIRLFRIEND MYSELF...!

WH-

WHY DID SHE COME TO MIND?

I...M I...M

HERE!

THE RUMORS HE GATHERED WERE MOSTLY "STORIES HEARD FROM FRIENDS OF FRIENDS" WITHOUT MUCH CREDIBILITY. HOWEVER, THERE WAS ONE WHICH CAUGHT MY ATTENTION.

AKIRA'S PRESENT BROUGHT AN UNEXPECTED BREAK-THROUGH.

SOME STUDENTS HAD SUPPOSEDLY ENCOUNTERED THE WITCH BENEATH THIS TREE...

AARGH!

...ME TOO.

I LIKE IT TOO!

THIS TREE HAS A LOVELY FRA-GRANCE!

I DON'T WANT THE FRAGRANCE OF THE FLOWERS TO BE RUINED BY THE SMELL OF YOUR BLOOD...

SO DISAPPEAR

キャア

DISAP-PEAR AT ONCE!

AH!

THE SAME...

SCENT AS HER...!

THESE ARE HANAM-IZUKI...

AND THEN...

I CHECKED THE LOCATIONS OF ALL THE HANAMIZUKI TREES IN FUJIMIGAOKA STREET

SINCE TOKIME DIDN'T LEAVE ANY TRACE OF HERSELF BEHIND, THIS FLOWER IS THE ONLY HINT LEADING TO HER.

THE LARGEST HANAMIZUKI TREE WHERE TOKIME IS LIKELY TO APPEAR...

THIS SHOULD BE IT.

NONE-THELESS, I HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THE TREE'S SURROUND-INGS...

HUH?

SO THIS LAND BELONGS TO TACHIKAWA?

PROPOSED SITE OF 2ND TACHIKAWA BUILDING

TACHIKAWA BUILDING

SHO SHOTARO?

MR. CH-CHUUTA?!

I SAID TO LEAVE THIS CASE TO ME!

I-I KNOW, BUT...

YOU KNOW THIS LAND BELONGS TO SOME DANGEROUS PEOPLE, RIGHT?!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HUH?

...NO WAY!

UGH..

I CAN'T STAY STILL ANY LONGER!

YOU'RE ALL TALK, AREN'T YOU, SHOTARO? I'M GETTING FURTHER AWAY FROM TOKIME.

I CAN'T LEAVE THIS TO YOU ALONE ANYMORE.

LOOK OUT!

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I'LL LOOK FOR HER MYSELF!

I'M HUNGRY..

THE DEPLETION... IS ESCALATING...

TH- THAT'S...

...ROAD.

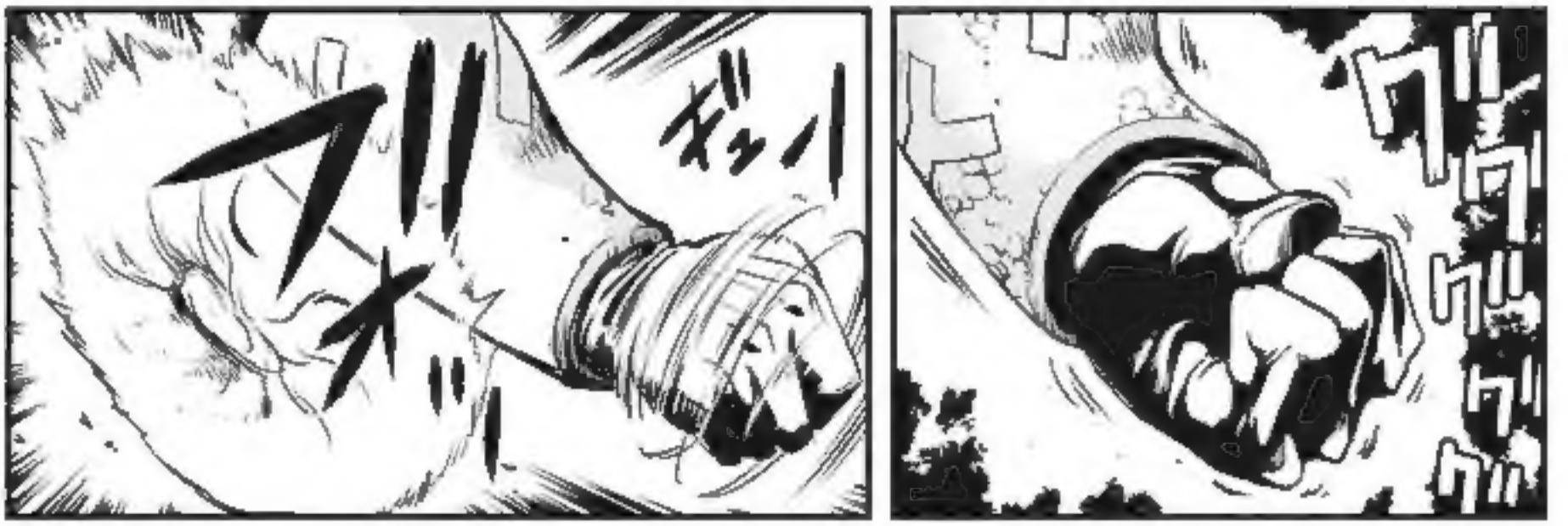
RIGHT...

TAP TAP

SO YOU KNOW THAT NAME?

I CAN'T LET YOU LIVE NOW.

YOU MIGHT BE GOOD AS MY PREY.



MR. CHUUTA.

BELIEVE IN ME AND CLOSE YOUR EYES.
HUH?

AT ANY RATE, THAT ATTACK CAN'T BE DODGED NOW!

TOKIME!
...COULD SHE BE THAT THING?

I MIGHT BE A LOT OF TALK AND MOSTLY ONLY GOING AROUND FRUITLESSLY BUT,

THERE'S ONE THING I'VE RESOLVED TO DO EVEN IF I DIE.

THAT IS TO...

PROTECT MY CLIENTS!

喰(う)りをあけて迫る、灼熱の光輪!!
この危機に翔太郎が懐より取り出したのは――
次号はお休みをいただきます!! 待て41・42合併号!!

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